

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

POL 17 CAMB-45
XR POL 17 45- CAMB

91 - 5

CONFIDENTIAL

R

Action
FE

00 RUEHCR RUFHND RUFHFA
DE RUMJNO 20 03/03 15Z
O P 03 125EZ ZEA

Info

SS
G
SP
SAH
L
EUR
P
USIA
NSC
TTR
CIA
NSA
DOL
O
CPR
SCA
A
PER
OC

FM AMEMBASSY/PHNOM PENH
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 669
INFO RUMTDK/AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY 313
RUMJIR/AMEMBASSY SAIGON PRIORITY 503
RUFHND/AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY 106
RUEHCR/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY 60
RUFHFA/AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY 201
RUMJFS/AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY 133
RUMJDH/AMCONSUL HONG KONG PRIORITY 97
RUHLHQ/CINCPAC PRIORITY 333
STATE GRNC
BT

01484
MAY 3 AM 10:14

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED BY *Julley* DATE 10/4/88

RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE

TS AUTH. REASON(S)

ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐

DECLASSIFIED ☒ RELEASABLE ☒

RELEASE DENIED ☐

PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

CONFIDENTIAL MAY 3

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

EMTEL 668

RMR

I CALLED ON KOUN WICK AT SIX P.M. THIS EVENING AND RECEIVED LETTER TO SECRETARY (REFTEL) UNDER COVERING NOTE ASKING IT BE TRANSMITTED URGENTLY. KOUN WICK REFERRED TO PRINCE'S WARNINGS IF THERE WERE FURTHER DEATHS; AS ADDITIONAL DEATHS HAD OCCURRED, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BEING BROKEN. KOUN WICK SAID CAMBODIA WOULD LIKE, HOWEVER, TO MAINTAIN CONSULAR RELATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AND TOURISTIC REASONS. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION, KOUN WICK GAVE ASSURANCES AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY WOULD BE PROTECTED AND THAT POUCH AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS WOULD BE RESPECTED. (IN NOTE SUMMARIZED SEPTEL, HOWEVER, RKG HAS CHARACTERIZED AS UNACCEPTABLE (IRRECEVABLE) OUR APRIL 27 NOTE PROTESTING DEMONSTRATION PREVIOUS DAY.) FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

1. PROPOSED CHANGE IN LEVEL U.S. REPRESENTATION IS SIHANOUK'S IMAGINATIVE WAY OF CLIMBING IN A BIT OFF LIMB ON WHICH HE HAD PLACED HIMSELF WITH THREAT TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IF ONE MORE CAMBODIAN KILLED. ASSUME WE MUST ACCEPT RKG DICTUM IF WE WISH TO REMAIN HERE.
2. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS IS END OF PRINCE'S LONG CAMPAIGN TO EMBARRASS, EVEN HUMILIATE, U.S.; LATEST NOTE INCLUDES THREAT THAT "EVEN CONSULAR RELATIONS" COULD NOT BE CONTINUED IF THERE WERE FURTHER "AGGRESSIONS" AND VICTIMS.

CONFIDENTIAL

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

Classified by RMR

03:45:08:10:30

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

-2- 669, May 3, From Phnom Penh

3. EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF PRECEDENCE AND OTHER PROTOCOLARY ASPECTS, STATUS OF CONSULATES GENERAL HERE WITH RESPECT TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES IS MUCH LIKE THAT OF EMBASSIES. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THERE WOULD BE ANY INTERFERENCE WITH COMMUNICATIONS, POUCH, FREE ENTRY, ETC. HOWEVER, THIS PUTS AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE (IF HE IS CONSUL GENERAL) ON PAR WITH EAST GERMAN AND SOUTH KOREAN (NORTH KOREAN, OF COURSE, IS NOW AMBASSADOR).

4. PRINCE'S SPEECH WAS DELIVERED IN MEASURED TONES AND WE UNDERSTAND CLAIMED, INTER ALIA, THAT RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DEPENDED ON AMERICAN RECOGNITION OF CAMBODIAN NEUTRALITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ESPECIALLY CESSATION OF "AGGRESSION" AGAINST CAMBODIAN TERRITORY. NOTE REFERS TO LATTER FACTOR AND "MANIFESTING SOME UNDERSTANDING OF CAMBODIA". AS IT APPARENTLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO STOP INCIDENTS, RESTORATION OF RELATIONS ON DIPLOMATIC LEVEL SEEMS UNLIKELY IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND EVEN CONSULAR RELATIONS WILL REMAIN IN CONSTANT JEOPARDY.

5. NO INDICATION THAT SPECIFIC STEPS PLANNED BY CAMBODIANS TO REDUCE PRESENT SIZE OF EMBASSY STAFF. POSITION ARMA WOULD BE MOST ANOMALOUS OF THOSE HERE NOW AND SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE CONSULAR TITLES.

6. MY TENTATIVE RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE PLAN ON REMAINING HERE UNTIL QUESTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE IS RESOLVED; IF CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD WE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS RESTORATION RELATIONS. IF CONFERENCE NOT HELD IT WOULD BE DUE SIHANOUK OR HIS FRIENDS; IF TALKS ARE HELD AND FAIL ACHIEVE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS SO THAT CAMBODIANS WILLING RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, QUESTION IS WHETHER OUR REMAINING ON IS DESIRABLE FROM POINT OF VIEW U.S. INTERESTS. IN OVERALL SEASIA CONTEXT, INCLUDING POSSIBLE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS, THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE DECISION FOR DEPARTMENT. FORMAL BILATERAL RELATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE NOW OF MINIMAL IMPORTANCE AND COULD BE HANDLED ELSEWHERE, E.G. NEW DELHI. IF WE LEAVE, REPORTING COULD PERHAPS BE TAKEN OVER BY EMBASSY BANGKOK WHICH WE BELIEVE COULD OBTAIN AKP ON REGULAR BASIS; BANGKOK NEWSPAPERS ARE ONLY ONES THIS AREA WHICH PAY ANY ATTENTION TO CAMBODIA.

8. TRUST DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM US OF ANY DECISION BEFORE ANNOUNCING IT, GIVING US MAXIMUM ADVANCE NOTICE POSSIBLE.
GP-3. BERGESEN

NOTE: PASSED ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, WHITE HOUSE, DIA, 5/3/65
AT 11:00 AM

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED